

when Dr. Wood's report comes up. If they take, on the whole, pretty good ground, follow on & support them. If however, they will not do that, & there is danger that by waiting for them, the time for action will be lost, then there is nothing to be done, but to strike in the best way.

Yours

G. W. Perkins.

Rev. G. W. Perkins

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Dear Sir.

I received your note, relative to the meeting of the "Board", &c. at Brooklyn. Laboring now under a severe cold, which ^{makes} my throat sore, & makes it hazardous for me to talk much, it is somewhat uncertain whether I can be there. The slightest cold affects my throat very seriously, & then I am obliged to take great care, & what would seem to some, unnecessary precaution. But sad experience has taught me.

I saw Dr's Bacon & C. Beecher at New Haven, & sounded them. They both wish, & honestly so, I believe, that the Board should take different ground from that on which they now stand. But they are both afraid of being among the "abolitionists", & will be sure to avoid any course which will compel them to seem to act in unison with such men as you: indeed they almost so said in express terms. I think, if it would be best to take the following course, if it can be done, without perilling the probability of any action at all.

Let them begin the matter,